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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re: Patent Application of Edward T. Buford, III

Serial No: 09/912,692

Group Art Unit:

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Examiner: R. Chin

Commissioner of Patent and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20321

Sir:

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED March 2, 2007**

This is in response to the Office Action mailed March 2, 2007, in respect of the above-identified patent application.

Applicant has corrected the response to conform with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121(c) (4). Moreover, Applicant submits that the Examiner's rejection of claims 12 through 16 and 18 based upon 35 U. S. C. 112 and 35 U. S. C. 102 and 103 are incontrovertible. Specifically, Applicant concedes that the referenced claims, as written, cannot be approved over the known prior art.

Applicant acknowledges, with appreciation, the Examiner's allowance of claim 17, and accepts the action. In this connection, Applicant asserts that the essence of the invention is directed towards a toothbrush including a bristle as characterized in claim 17. Accordingly, Applicant has added new claim 19 that embodies the elements of claim 17 as they apply to a toothbrush.